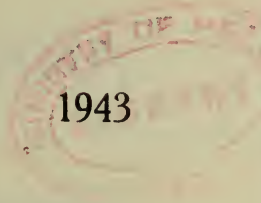
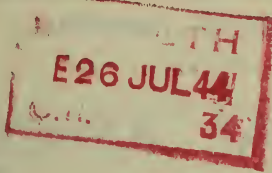


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For the Year 1943

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF THE
BOROUGH OF FAVERSHAM

I have now the honour to submit to you my Annual Report for 1943 on the Health Conditions of the Borough. The special feature to comment upon is Influenza: we had the usual mild epidemic in the spring, causing two deaths, but towards the end of the year a widespread epidemic of a severe kind was experienced, causing much suffering and many deaths; at the end of the year it was subsiding. No other disease was prevalent in any great numbers.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

The same officials are carrying on.

NATURE AND CONDITION OF THE AREA

Area of the District in acres: 3,070.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE AREA

These remain unchanged.

The traffic in the Creek has been interfered with by the war, especially that from abroad, which has disappeared.

Rateable Value of the Borough ...	...	...	£70,755
Sum represented by a penny rate ...	...	...	£274/15/-

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

There were 209 live births registered during the year—102 males and 107 females. This gives a Birth-rate of 18.09 per 1,000 of the estimated population—the average of England and Wales being 16.5. This is more than in 1942, when the total number was 191. There were 14 illegitimate births (boys 3, girls 11), none of these children died. There were 7 still births registered (5 male and 2 females), and one of these was illegitimate.

DEATHS

The number actually registered was 321. From this must be deducted the deaths of 171 persons who belonged to other districts. On the other side we must add 26 deaths in other districts that must be ascribed to this district, as follows:—

Chartham Mental Hospital	2
Canterbury Hospital	9
Other Hospitals	9
Other Districts	6
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					26
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There were 214 deaths in Public Institutions in the district:—201 in Bensted House, 4 in the Cottage Hospital, and 9 in the Nursing Homes. There were 6 deaths of children under one year of age, and 239 of persons of the age of 65 and upwards.

The result is a net total of 176 deaths. This gives for the Borough a Death-rate for the year 1943 of 15.9, which is above the average for the whole kingdom, which is given as 12.1.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

The number of deaths under one year of age was 6 (4 males and 2 female), as against 4 in the previous year. This gives a ratio of 29 per 1,000 births, against 57.5 in 1942. The average for the whole country is 49. No illegitimate infant died during the year.

CAUSES OF INFANTILE DEATHS

Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Broncho Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	1
Premature Birth & Congenital Causes	...	...	...	...	...	3
Infantile Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	1

CAUSES OF DEATH

					1943	1942
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	0	1
Influenza	...	...	...	...	14	0

CAUSES OF DEATH—continued

	1943	1942
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	0	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	5	5
Tuberculous Meningitis	0	0
Other Tuberculous Diseases	3	1
Cancer	28	29
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	7	0
Diabetes	2	2
Organic Heart Disease	49	42
Bronchitis	5	14
Pneumonia	5	9
Other Respiratory Diseases	3	5
Diarrhœal Diseases	1	2
Appendicitis	1	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	0	0
Alcoholism	0	0
Nephritis	8	6
Parturition	0	0
Premature Birth and Congenital Causes	3	5
Accidents and Suicides	7	8
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	21	28
Arterio-sclerosis	3	4
Syphilis	0	1
Rheumatic Fever	0	0
Ulcer of Stomach	1	1
Puerperal Sepsis	0	0
Digestive Diseases	1	0
Senility	55	56

Live Births—	Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate ...	209	102	107	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated
Illegitimate ...	14	3	11	resident population ... 18.09
Still births ...	7	5	2	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still)
				births 31.4
Deaths ...	176	99	79	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated
				resident population ... 15.9

Deaths from puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar General's short list):—

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
No. 29 Puerperal sepsis	0	—
No. 30 Other puerperal causes	0	—
Total	0	—

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All infants per 1,000 live births	29
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	30.6
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	28
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough	0
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age)	1

COTTAGE HOSPITAL

Beds, 18.							
In-Patients Treated	...	...	...	...	...	...	268
Out-Patients Treated (Minor Cases)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,455
Operations:—							
Major	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
Minor	...	...	...	...	...	...	194
X-Ray Cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	147

There is also a Provident Dispensary which arranges for the treatment of poor people in their own homes.

HEALTH SERVICES

These are the same as in previous Reports.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The Ambulance Service has been maintained efficiently day and night, in spite of the fact that 14 of its members are serving with the Forces.

The Personnel have given time to Civil Defence work, which, as during the past two or three years, is additional to their usual activities.

Patients removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	490
Road Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Other Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Total Mileage	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,895

In addition to their Transport work, the members of the Nursing Division have made numerous attendances at the Hospital and the various School, Welfare and Maternity Clinics throughout the year, and are also carrying out the treatment of Scabies cases.

MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES

There are two private Nursing Homes in the Borough, which are licensed for the reception of Maternity cases.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRE

This has been established for some years and is held at the Queen's Hall twice a week, having been open 103 days. Four hundred and thirty-nine children attended, and have made 4,173 attendances.

An Ante-natal Clinic is held on Tuesdays and has had a total of 92 attendances, and was open 17 times. Fifty mothers attended.

TREATMENT CASES AND HOME NURSING

These remain as before.

LOCAL ACTS, ADOPTIVE ACTS AND BYELAWS

No alteration.

WATER SUPPLY

As in my last Report.

Samples taken—

Chemical Analysis—Public Supply	...	...	...	4
Wells	...	...	...	2
Bacteriological Tests—Public Supply	...	...	...	6

All with satisfactory results.

The approximate number of dwelling houses in the Borough not connected with the Public Water Supply is 80. These are situated chiefly in the outlying portions of the area.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The sewerage and sewage disposal arrangements are as in my last report; no further deep sewers have been laid down.

Number of Houses in the Borough	...	...	...	3724
Number of Freshwater Closets	...	...	...	3676
Number of Privies (movable receptacles)	...	...	...	110
Number of Privies (fixed receptacles)	...	...	...	10
Conversions into Water Closets	...	...	...	0

HOUSE REFUSE AND SCAVENGING

Same as last year.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

None.

HOME WORKERS

Very little; two lists of out-workers sent in.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

As before.

FACORIES

Number of premises on the Register:—

Factories with power	39
Factories without power	40
					<hr/> 79
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The occupations carried on in these places show no change from previous reports.

These have all been regularly inspected and kept up to a proper standard of cleanliness and ventilation and provision of proper sanitary conveniences, and overcrowding has been prevented.

SCHOOLS

The five Schools in the Borough remain as before in their situations and sanitary arrangements.

MEDICAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT

Regular inspection as required by the Board of Education has been carried out on the children entering school, and also at the ages of 8 and 13. Re-examinations and special examinations have also been made as necessary, the total number of children examined amounting to 1,027.

The School Clinics and their arrangements have been continued throughout the year on the same lines as previously.

Statistics of work done:—

Tonsils and Adenoids. Operated on	...	...	37
Eye cases. Examinations	...	...	25
Re-examinations	...	...	32
Glasses Prescribed	...	...	29
Glasses Repaired	...	...	4
Dental Treatment. Children	...	...	585
Sessions	...	...	134
Attendances	...	...	1005
Extractions	...	...	849
Fillings	...	...	868
General Anæsthetics	...	...	266
Orthopædic Scheme. Cases	...	...	13
Minor Ailments Clinic. Sessions	...	...	259
Children Treated	...	...	615
Visits by School Nurse	...	...	283

SUPPLY OF MILK

This has been carried on by the Education Committee. All children that need milk are having it—many twice a day; the milk is pasteurised.

NUTRITION

The Nutrition Survey has been continued and records kept of under nourished children; the results are very encouraging; 97% of children are up to or over the average.

HOUSING

See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

MILK SUPPLY

The milk supply of the Borough was formerly obtained chiefly from outside its boundaries, but the enlargement of the area has now included some of these sources within the Borough itself. We have now:—

Producers of Milk	...	...	6
Retail Purveyors	...	...	9
Registered Premises	...	...	14
Samples sent for examination	...	...	34

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There were 8 in the Borough; but 7 were discontinued for the duration of the War.

Details of Meat Inspection are given in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

BAKEHOUSES

No change from last Report.

RAG FLOCK ACTS AND FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

Same conditions as in 1938.

WORKING OF SHOPS ACT, 1934

Inspection under this heading has been limited as the Inspector has been absorbed into A.R.P. duties.

No complaints have been received under the Act.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The amount of Influenza during the past year was much worse than in 1942, and of a severe type; 14 deaths have been attributed to it. The total number of notifications is less than in 1942, viz., 87, as against 91.

Our arrangements for dealing with infection are the same as previously.

Deaths from Notifiable Diseases:

Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	5
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	5
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	...	...	...	...	1

There were 87 cases of infectious disease notified under all headings in 1943, as against 91 in 1942. Of these, 39 cases were removed to Isolation Hospitals. These are classified as follows:—

	<i>Notified</i>		<i>Removed to Hospital</i>	
	1942	1943	1942	1943
Diphtheria	...	1	5	1
Scarlet Fever	...	1	3	0
Erysipelas	...	15	21	14
Enteric Fever	...	0	1	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	0	1	0
Anterior Polio Myelitis	...	0	2	0
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	4	2	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	1	1	0
Tuberculosis, Pulmonary	M.8	M.4	M.2	M.5
Tuberculosis, Pulmonary	F.2	F.6	F.5	F.1
Tuberculosis, other forms	M.3	M.4	M.1	M.5
Tuberculosis, other forms	F.2	F.2	F.1	F.2
Pneumonia	...	7	4	0
Measles	...	3	21	0
Whooping Cough	...	43	8	0
	<u>91</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>39</u>

There were 5 deaths from Pneumonia and 5 deaths certified from Pulmonary Tuberculosis. I received during the year 13 notifications under Form 1, and 11 under Form 2.

No action has had to be taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under the Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62.

ANTI-DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

I must strongly impress upon parents the desirability of having their children immunised at the age of one year, which can be done free of charge to them by their own medical men; attention has been drawn to this through the School Teachers, Health Visitors and Welfare Workers, and by distribution of leaflets; process is still being carried on; but the need must be kept before the public as fresh generations of children come into existence.

It will be noted that no case was notified during the year that had previously been immunised. A total of 402 children have been immunised during the past year.

SCABIES

The First Aid Post at the Mount has been used for the treatment of Scabies. A total of 128 cases has been treated, 80 of which were resident in the Borough.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum—Cases

	Age Groups—Cases													Deaths
	<div>Notified at Home</div> <div>Treated in Hospital</div> <div>Vision</div> <div>Unimpaired</div> <div>Impaired</div> <div>Blind</div> <div>Deaths</div>													
	1	1	0				1	0	0	0				
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65+		
Diphtheria	...	1				1	2	1						
Scarlet Fever	...		4	1	1	9	5		1					
Enteric Fever	...										1			
Puerperal Fever	...								1					
Pneumonia	...									1	2	1		
Erysipelas	...										2	1		
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	1													
Polio Myelitis	...													
Pneumonia	...	5												
Erysipelas	...	0												
Ant Polio Myelitis	...	0												
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	1													

Tuberculosis—New Cases and Mortality during 1943

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths	
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...						
1 ...			1	2	2	
5 ...			2	1	1	
10 ...			1	1		
15 ...		1				
20 ...		0				
25 ...	1	2				
35 ...	2	2				
45 ...	1					
55 ...						
65 and upwards ...		1				
Totals ...	4	6	4	4	3	2

Number of cases on Tuberculosis Register at end of 1943:

Pulmonary	...	M.	F.
Non-Pulmonary	...	28	38
	...	10	25

Proportion of non-notified Tuberculous Deaths to total: 2 cases not notified.
1 Pulmonary, 1 Non-Pulmonary.

INSPECTION

During the year I have made routine inspections of the various premises that come under my powers, and special visits as occasion arose.

Unfit Houses	...	...	...	...	...	3
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	57
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	14
Slaughterhouses	3
Fish Shops	6
Dairies	20
Drainage	9
Common Lodging Houses	2
Various	23
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						137
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The F.A.P. at the Mount and the Cottage Hospital have been kept in readiness for the reception of Casualties due to Air Raids and other enemy action.

The details of the various premises to be inspected and the work done in connection therewith are set out fully in the report of the Sanitary Inspector, and it is, therefore, unnecessary for me to recapitulate them.

In concluding my Report, I have to acknowledge the consideration always shown to me by the Council and valuable help received from my brother officials.

CHARLES J. EVERS, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health.

May, 1944.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE

Year Ended December 31st, 1943

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE
BOROUGH.

Your Worship and Gentlemen,

The Minister of Health has again asked that reports shall contain only essential information. I therefore submit the following report covering the main items of sanitary work carried out during the year.

HOUSING

No representations under Section 11 of the Housing Act were made during the year. Two houses in Partridge Place were demolished by the owners on account of their dangerous condition.

No routine inspection of houses under the regulations were possible on account of shortage of labour and materials.

Complaints have been investigated and nuisances remedied as early as possible, including a number of flushing cisterns provided to closets.

Twelve statutory notices were served under the Public Health Act.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The usual inquiries were made in connection with cases notified under the Acts, and 65 rooms disinfected for various reasons.

WATER

Six samples of water were submitted to the County Analyst for chemical analysis, including four from the Public Supply.

The reports showed the water to be of good or excellent organic quality. In addition, six samples from the Public Supply were submitted for bacteriological examination, all of which gave satisfactory results.

MEAT AND FOODS

The Government scheme of centralised slaughtering continues to work satisfactory and affords better facilities for meat inspection and control of "doubtful" animals.

The particulars of work under the regulations summarised for the year are:

Animals inspected:	Beasts	...	...	...	626
	Cows	...	...	...	226
	Sheep	...	...	...	7192
	Pigs	...	...	...	207
	Calves	...	...	...	298
Total					8549

668 inspections were made at the slaughterhouse and 347 inspections at meat, fish and other food shops.

The total amount of meat and organs surrendered on account of disease or unsound conditions was 11,447-lbs. Other food inspections resulted in the surrender of canned meat, fish, milk, vegetables, eggs and other foods amounting to 3,093-lbs., making at total of 14,540-lbs.—nearly 6½-tons.

The number of animals found wholly or partly diseased was 415, while 66% of the total weight of meat and organs surrendered was on account of tuberculosis.

Particulars of carcasses inspected and condemned:

	Cattle excluding Cows		Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number inspected	626	226	7192	207
<i>All Diseases except Tuberculosis:</i>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	—	27	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	27	32	197	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	4.47	14.11	3.11	1.91
<i>Tuberculosis only:</i>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	10	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	15	55	—	12
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	3.39	28.76	—	5.79

DAIRIES

The following are on the register:

Producers	...	...	6
Retail Purveyors	...	...	9
Registered Premises	...	...	14
142 inspections were made.			

The samples of milk taken during the year comprised :

Tuberculin tested	12
Accredited	16
Pasteurised	6
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Total			34
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Eleven of these failed to comply with the prescribed conditions and one was delayed in transit.

Three producers are holding Tuberculin Tested licences and one Accredited licence.

FACTORIES

The following premises are on the register :

Factories (with power)	39
Factories (without power)	40
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Total				79
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175 inspections were made and five nuisances found. Eight retail bakehouses are included in the above total.

Two lists of outworkers were received and entered in the Outworkers register.

DEFECTS AND NUISANCES DEALT WITH UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

Choked and defective drains	...	...	...	54
Defective and insufficient closets	...	...	...	57
Flushing cisterns provided	...	...	...	51
Insufficient drainage	...	...	...	11
Insanitary sinks and wastes	...	...	...	10
Defective roofs and gutters	...	...	...	9
Flushing cisterns out of order	...	...	...	11
Overflowing cesspools	...	...	...	19
Insufficient sanitary accommodation	5
Defective floors	4
Limewashing overdue	3
Various	7
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Total	241
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INSPECTIONS

Premises, Drains, etc.	219
Infectious Diseases	76
Slaughterhouse and Market	668
Fish, Meat and Food Shops	...	...	...	...	347
Dairies	...	...	...	...	142
Factories	175
Common Lodging Houses	12
Reinspections, Hop Huts, Rats, etc.	576
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Total	2215
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DEFECTS AND NUISANCES FOUND

During inspection of houses	236
Factories	5
Total ...	<hr/> 241 <hr/>

ACTION TAKEN

Informal notices served	111
Statutory notices P.H. Act	12
Total ...	<hr/> 123 <hr/>

RESULTS

Two hundred and sixty three defects and nuisances (including those outstanding from the previous year) were remedied, leaving 17 outstanding on December 31st, 1943.

No legal proceedings were taken during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE G. CULMER,

Municipal Offices,
Faversham.

Member R. Sanitary Inst.
Sanitary Inspector.

February 1st, 1944.